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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview held on December 7, 2006. During the interview, the Applicant's representative pointed out the distinguishing features of the amended set of claims over the prior art of record, specifically U.S. Patent No. 2,233,898 to Pitt et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,575,273 to Gerriet, and U.S. Patent No. 6,488,433 to Wien et al.

The Examiner agreed that claims 1 to 21 as now amended probably read over the prior art of record. However, during a subsequent phone interview on the same date, the Examiner stated that another reference from Germany had been uncovered which is more relevant than the prior art references identified above. In addition, the Examiner also pointed out that claims 22 to 24 as

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amended may not have proper basis in the original specification and may constitute a new matter. It was agreed upon that the Applicant's representative needs to study the original specification in further detail to make sure that the added combination of features do have basis in the original specification.

Furthermore, the Examiner stated that according to the embodiments shown by the drawings, the hold-down page of claims 6-9 are anchored on the binder or the cover, but not on the spine.

It is submitted that the above detail summarizes the interview held on December 7, 2006. Applicant invites the Examiner to provide any additional detail which may have been inadvertently omitted by this Interview Summary. Applicant's representative also thanks the Examiner for the courteous interview that was held on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature, likely of Darren Kang, enclosed in an oval. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'DK' followed by a flourish.

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